

Paper says

Aramco takeover accord to be signed this month

JEDDAH, Jan. 3—The government is expected to complete its takeover of the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO) "probably at the end of the month," the newspaper "Al-Medina" reported Wednesday.

Without quoting sources, the paper said an agreement would be signed which would lead to the creation of a Saudi National Oil Company. The signing will be the occasion for a celebration at the Ferrousia Riding Club in Jeddah, the paper said.

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A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom

Jeddah

Saturday, Jan. 6
Saudi Arabian Natural History Society meeting

Sunday, Jan. 7—Thursday, Jan. 11
A Pantomime called "Sing a Song of Sixpence" at the Players Playhouse. 8:00 p.m. (Wednesday 7:00 p.m.). Adults SR 15, children SR 10.

Monday, Jan. 8
Danish women's tea. 3:00-5:00 p.m., at Danish ambassador's residence.

British wives coffee morning at the British ambassador's residence. 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 9
Gardening Club meeting at 1:30 p.m. at U.S. Embassy in go to Marjorie Tsaros house. Open in all.

Wednesday, Jan. 10
Cello and piano recital by Friedrich-Jurgen Fellheim and Eckhart Fellheim, 8:30 p.m. at British ambassador's residence. Tickets SR 10, available at the door, or from Helmut Lorch, German embassy. Tel. 53544.

Riyadh

Monday, Jan. 8
Camel and horse races, at the Malaz stadium. Tickets SR 5

DHAHRAN

Friday, Jan. 5
Soccer: Al-Khabar plays Riyadh at the Dammam Stadium 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at 5, 10, 25, or 50 S.R.

Monday, Jan. 8
The Dhahran Community Chorus begins rehearsing for its Spring Choral Concert. Newcomers welcome. Aramco, house 1427 B at 8 p.m. For further information call Jim Neibor at Aramco 53618.

Wednesday, Jan. 10
An Exhibition of Chinese postage stamps at the Media Center Building No. 7, King Abdul Aziz University, under joint-sponsorship of King Abdul Aziz University, Directorate General of Posts and the Embassy of the Republic of China for one week.

It said government ownership of Aramco "will not increase the Kingdom's revenue, but will give Saudi Arabia full control of its natural oil resources," quoting a recent statement by Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

"Al-Medina" said the move will preserve Aramco's "imposing empire without weakening it either in the field of marketing or exploration."

Saudi Arabia acquired 60 per cent of Aramco in June 1974, and two years later a general accord was reached on a complete takeover.

Under approved general principles, the four U.S. shareholder, in Aramco would receive compensation for their remaining 40 per cent, as well as service fee for continuing to run production and exploration on behalf of the government.

The four U.S. shareholders are SOCAL (Standard Oil of California), Exxon, Texaco and Mobil.

Yamani said in an interview before the Abu Dhabi OPEC pricing meeting in mid-December that in the negotiations for complete takeover "there are some little details left to be resolved but we can sign an agreement without reaching an agreement on these details".

Yamani told the U.S. oil industry newsletter "Oilgram News" that the companies' service fee would be related in their performance according to an agreed formula. There would also be exploration incentives, he said.

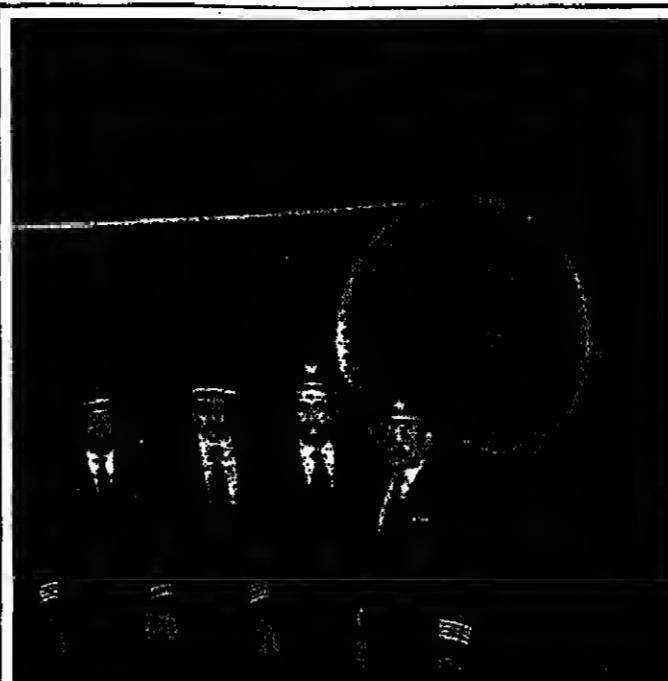
Refinery increase

SPA adds: production at Jeddah refinery is running 10,000 barrels a day over planned levels. Mansour Abdur Rahman Al-Suhaimi, assistant chairman of the refinery's board, said Wednesday.

He said that final understanding had been reached on Saudi claims in the northern part of the zone at a meeting in Kuwait of the joint commission set up for the purpose.

Owaji was addressing reporters on his return from Kuwait Tuesday where he attended the opening session.

Suhaimi said that the refinery was attempting to raise "production as far as we can within the limits of safety for plant and employees".



NEW TRISTAR: Jambi, Kamal, Hakeem and Temairk with the new aircraft at Jeddah Monday evening.

Tristar raises Saudia fleet to 9

JEDDAH, Jan. 3—Saudia received a new Lockheed TriStar aircraft Monday, bringing its 1-1011 fleet to nine aircraft, the airline announced Wednesday.

An all-Saudi crew of Captains Abd Al-Fatah Jambi, Muhammad Omar Kamal and Othman Hakeem and Flight Engineer Amin Temairk Test flew the Tristar from its plant near Los Angeles to Jeddah Monday.

Frontier property claims to be fixed in 4 months

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA)—

All Saudi claims to property in the Partitioned Neutral Zone between the Kingdom and Kuwait will be settled within four months, Deputy Minister of Interior Dr. Ibrahim Al-Owaji said Wednesday.

He said that final understanding had been reached on Saudi claims in the northern part of the zone at a meeting in Kuwait of the joint commission set up for the purpose.

Owaji was addressing reporters on his return from Kuwait Tuesday where he attended the opening session.

The commission followed guidelines laid down by Kuwait Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah after his visit to Saudi Ara-

bia, Owaji added.

He said that more than 2,600 Saudis were involved and that the commission was made up of four members, two Saudis and two Kuwaitis.

Local Briefs

• DAMMAM, (SPA) — Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Qahtani, rector of King Faisal University of the Eastern Province here presided over a senate meeting Wednesday to discuss the university's five-year plan and the appointment of new faculty. The senate also approved an exhibition of architectural designs by Peter Land of the Illinois State University, to be held at the university's College of Architecture and Planning.

• RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majeed has awarded a SR 13.7 million contract for municipal services to rural complexes in Qunfuzah, Sajar, Begaa, Shamasiah and Ohood Al-Masarah, the ministry announced Wednesday.

• RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majeed Wednesday signed a SR 61.8m contract for the third phase of Mecca's water project.

Minister opens utility

Central power firm to be set up soon

TABUK, Jan. 3 (SPA) — A royal decree is expected shortly establishing a central electricity company operating in the Central Province of Saudi Arabia. Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi said here Wednesday.

A joint stock company is expected to be formed to manage the utility and its 400-kilometer network.

The Tabuk ceremony was also addressed by Dr. Nasif, Governor of Tabuk. Sheikh Sulaiman Turki Al-Sudairi, and by the director general of the Dutch company.

In the evening Dr. Algosaibi visited Tabuk Air Base and King Faisal Military Camp before returning to Riyadh.

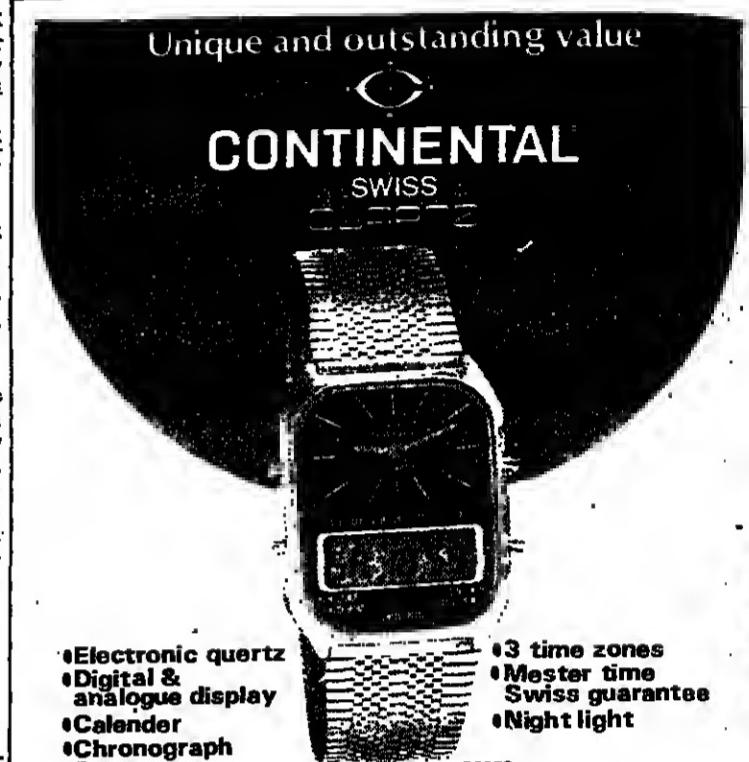
Correction

Because of a typographical error, "Arab News" in its Jan. 1 edition incorrectly reported the target production of the Saudi Arabian Fertilizer Co. (SAFCO) for 1978 as 520,000 metric tons. This should be 250,000 metric tons. "Arab News" regrets any confusion that may have arisen.

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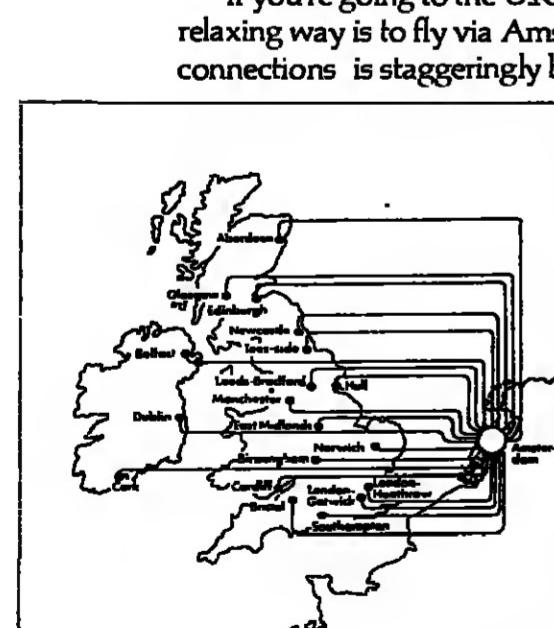
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Rioters in U.S. besiege mother, sister of Shah

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Jan. 3 (AP) — Hundreds of rock-throwing demonstrators chanting "death to the Shah" Tuesday besieged a hillside mansion occupied by the mother and sister of the Shah of Iran, torching

two cars and setting at least a dozen fires.

Neither the princess nor her mother was injured. Los Angeles police said late Tuesday night that the queen mother was moved from the house to an undisclosed location under heavy escort after the disturbance. The whereabouts of the princess was not known.

Mina Azad, speaking for the protesters, said there would be more demonstrations. "We're going to demonstrate as long as they (the Shah's family) are here. We're not going to let them steal from the Iranian people and then come here and live in peace," she said.

At least 35 demonstrators were injured, two seriously, in the bloody confrontation, as chanting Iranians and their supporters repeatedly tried to storm the home and were driven back by police using clubs, high-pressure fire hoses and tear gas.

Sheriff's department spokesman Chet Ballou said five or six demonstrators were arrested for investigation of various charges, including arson and assault on law officers.

'Al-Ahram' says

Sadat will visit Sudan

Cairo, Jan. 3 (UPI) — President Sadat will visit Sudan Jan. 17 to discuss with President Jaafar Numeiri Middle East developments and inaugurate the joint Egyptian-Sudanese parliament session, "Al-Ahram" newspaper said Wednesday.

Sadat will stay for "a number of days," the paper said. Sudan is the only Arab state that has openly supported Sadat's peace moves and has accepted Camp David as a

basis for settlement. Aswan, Egypt's southernmost province bordering on Sudan, is to share joint economic projects with the northern governorate of Sudan within the framework of "integration" between the two countries.

A delegation headed by Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil flew to Khartoum Tuesday. It will attend meetings of a high level committee for political and economic integration, the paper added.

Coalition threatened

Begin defuses religious bomb

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (AP) — Prime Minister Begin has taken steps to maintain the delicate balance between the Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jewish communities in Israel.

In avert a government crisis, Begin announced Tuesday that he would preserve the status quo by upholding a prohibition against theater performances on Friday nights — the beginning of the Jewish sabbath.

Tension between the minority of observant Orthodox Jews in Israel and the non-observant majority developed recently when attempts were made to liberalize some of the religious ordinances restricting Sabbath activity.

There is no public transportation in Jewish areas on the sabbath, and until recently most places of entertainment closed from sunset Friday to

Saturday evening.

But within the last few years several Tel Aviv movie theaters received permits to open for Friday night shows. Last week Tel Aviv's Cameri dramatic theater applied for such a permit.

Orthodox members of the Tel Aviv City Council protested — claiming the actors, stagehands and ushers would all be violating the sabbath by working at each performance.

Members of the Orthodox political parties in Begin's government threatened to quit if the permit were granted and on Tuesday Begin promised them the Cameri would stay closed on sabbath.

The National Religious Party has 12 seats in parliament and has a pivotal position in the ruling coalition. Another Orthodox party holding four

parliament seats is also in the coalition.

Their threat to quit was not without precedent: just two years ago, the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin fell after NRP members walked out of his coalition over a similar issue.

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BESIEGED: Iranian students help a wounded fellow demonstrator, one of 35 hurt at a violent demonstration outside a California house occupied by the Shah's mother and sister.

After Syrian meetings

Iraqi leader hopes for unity

BAGHDAD, Jan. 3 (R) — President Ahmad Hassan Al-Bakr Wednesday praised the results achieved by the Iraqi-Syrian Political, Information and Cultural Committee and called for continuing moves to bring about unity between the two neighbors.

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Hit Mekong River towns**Vietnamese launch new Cambodia attacks**

BANGKOK, Jan. 3 (AP) — Vietnamese forces have opened up a fourth major front in an escalating drive into eastern Cambodia, one apparently aimed at cutting off the capital of Phnom Penh from the south, reliable analysts said Wednesday.

They also reported widespread and intense air strikes by the Vietnamese, using both Soviet and American-built warplanes. Cambodia has charged that Soviet pilots are flying some of the aircraft and said one Soviet MiG jet was shot down New Year's Day.

Cambodia has accused Vietnam of launching a massive invasion along the length of the 1,220-kilometer border with Vietnam but has not provided details on the fighting.

The most recently detected front is in the so-called "Parrot's Beak" where Vietnamese troops appear to be moving westwardly to cut vital highways to the south of Phnom Penh, according to the analysts.

Cambodian rebels have claimed major victories along Highways 7, 13 and 19 which run from the Vietnamese border to the Mekong River in northeastern Cambodia.

The rebels of the pro-Hanoi National United Front for National Salvation also announced they had captured the Mek-

ing River town of Kratie and have laid siege to another Mekong town, Kompong Cham, only 65 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh.

Thai intelligence sources speculated that heavy fighting would erupt over the next few days in the "Parrot's Beak," Cambodian territory which runs into southern Vietnam.

Sources in Bangkok Wednesday could not confirm the siege of Kompong Cham, the key to

control of northeastern Cambodia. But they confirmed that Kratie, 130 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh, had fallen.

The Front's news agency SPK Wednesday said more than 200 officers and soldiers defending the town had rallied to the rebel side after Kratie fell Dec. 30.

Analysts in Bangkok believe North Vietnamese forces are doing the fighting, and the

Cambodian rebels are mopping up behind them.

Intelligence sources in Washington and Bangkok had earlier estimated that Vietnam has put more than 100,000 troops into the Cambodian operation but there are indications that a large number are still being held in reserve in Vietnam.

The rebel strength is difficult to determine but some have estimated the front may have 20,000 fighting men.

Some may leave Tung An**Manila refugees see faint hope**

MANILA, Jan. 3 (Agencies)

A glimmer of hope emerged Wednesday for 2,300 Vietnamese refugees packed aboard the rusting freighter Tung An in Manila Bay.

It came in the form of offers from West Germany, Australia and the United States to help the Philippines tackle the overall problem posed by refugees.

Although none of the three countries said it would take "boat people" direct from the freighter, a United Nations official said he hoped the offers could free places for them ashore.

Werner Blatter, of the U.N. High Commission for Refugees, said the Munich had offered to take 150 of the 2,300 refugees at present crowding 2

temporary Manila camp.

Australia said it would take 200, while the United States confirmed that refugees in the Philippines, including those aboard the Tung An, were eligible for its program of offering boat people a new home.

The Tung An, registered in Panama, steamed into Philippine waters Dec. 27, four days after authorities in Brunei evicted it. The Philippines has refused to land its refugees because this country's main camp, in suburban Manila, is overcrowded.

In Hong Kong, which faces a possible influx of Vietnamese refugees that could top 10,000, an old Royal Air Force base has been fitted out as a stand-by transit camp.

The colony, which for three

decades has had to absorb successive waves of refugees from China, already has 5,000 boat people on its hands.

In addition Taiwan told Hong Kong Wednesday that it would not accept the 2,700 Vietnamese aboard the Taiwan-owned freighter Huey Fong, which arrived off the colony 12 days ago and shows no signs of budging.

Hong Kong could also be drawn into the Tung An problem after a Philippine warning that Soviet pilots were flying for the Vietnamese, Moscow's Southeast Asian allies. He said the invaders were supported by MiG-19 and MiG-21 pursuit bombers and "four-motor bombers."

"If they are genuine refugees and if this really was the ship's first port of call, we will accept them," a Hong Kong official said.

Western and Thai analysts here have been skeptical of past Cambodian claims of direct Soviet involvement.

And less control of industry**Chinese newspaper speaks out for free speech, democracy**

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Japan's Kyodo News Service reported Wednesday from Peking that one new wall poster even demands liberalization of China's centuries-old inhibited attitude toward women.

Improvement

The "People's Daily" editorial, broadcast in part by the official Hsinhua news agency, demanded "tangible improvement" in banding economic affairs, cases judged wrongly in the past bureaucracy, au-

thoritarianism and "reasonable demands from the people."

It said, "when the people are free to speak, it means the party and government have strength and confidence."

The editorial said a lack of democracy was largely to blame for the ability of the late Defense Minister Lin Piao and the "Gang of Four" radical leaders to "exempt themselves from party discipline and state law."

Allowing It added, "let people say what they wish, the heavens will not fall. If we do not allow people to say things that are incorrect, that is just the same as keeping everybody's mouth shut."

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At that time, April 1948, the Soviets did not have the atomic bomb. Tension was growing between the former wartime allies, which led two months later to the Soviet blockade of West Berlin and the massive Western airlift of goods to relieve the city.

Churchill, who was heading the Conservative opposition after leading a coalition government during the war, made

the nuclear war suggestion to Clement Attlee, Labor prime minister. The records show Attlee apparently ignored it. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had no time for it, and U.S. Ambassador in London Lewis Douglas said that it was full of "practical infinitives."

The story was fleshed out by London's "Guardian" newspaper from cabinet and Foreign Office records. The records, which fill 1.6 kilometers of shelving, became available for inspection Tuesday after the expiry of the 30 year secrecy regulation covering state papers. In compiling the story, the "Guardian" said it also consulted already published

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Winds impede hunt for lost crewmen of U.S. oil tanker

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — High winds and rough seas hampered rescuers Wednesday as they searched for 30 missing crewmen after an American-owned oil tanker exploded and sank in the Caribbean.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the missing men were presumed to have drowned after they jumped from the 3,339-ton Master Michael which went up in flames Tuesday halfway between Venezuela and Haiti.

A passing Italian vessel, the Iota, picked up four members of the crew who swam to safety and the body of a fifth was recovered, the Coast Guard reported.

Two ships were on the scene

using floodlights and five aircraft crisscrossed the area until darkness.

Survivors told rescuers that the missing men had jumped off the bow of the tanker after an explosion near its stern. Some did not have life preservers, they said.

The Coast Guard spokesman said the tanker's lifeboats had been burned although one life raft may have been launched.

The tanker was registered in Cyprus and owned by the Crossway Navigation Agency of New York City.

The spokesman said the search area south of Haiti was raked by winds of 55 kilometers an hour and 3-meter waves.

A Coast Guard cutter was

headed for the scene from San Juan, Puerto Rico, and commercial ships in the area were being asked to assist. A Cuban Navy patrol also joined the search, the Coast Guard said. Navy and Coast Guard planes joined Dutch and Jamaican aircraft in the fruitless search, the Coast Guard said.

On a happier note at an oil rig 140 miles southwest off New Orleans, LA., sixteen crew members were rescued Wednesday as the rig founderered in heavy seas in the Gulf of Mexico.

Off the coast of Spain and Portugal, the stricken Greek supertanker Andros Patria began leaking oil into the Atlantic Ocean again Wednesday, informed maritime sources reported.

The Spanish Navy said the tanker, ripped by five explosions off northwest Spain on New Year's Eve, was still being towed by a salvage tug at two knots.

Salvage men boarded the stricken tanker after 30 of the 33 people aboard abandoned ship and were feared drowned when their lifeboats capsized. The three men who stayed aboard were lifted off by helicopter.

The Andros Patria's latest reported position was about 100 miles offshore opposite the Spanish-Portuguese frontier.

The tanker apparently was heading for Lisbon, a navy spokesman said. A Portuguese Corvette had arrived to supervise the tow.

The maritime experts said off began to lead again to worsening weather. Salvage experts added that they thought the Andros Patria had previously spilled between 5,000 and 10,000 tons of its cargo of 208,000 tons of Iranian crude.



AKLAZE: Tankers like this Greek ship, which caught fire on the Mississippi River in July of 1978, have had trouble in the last few days both in the Caribbean and in the Atlantic off Spain.

Panama ships in fish to eat through Canal

GAMBOA, Canal Zone, Jan. 3 (AP) — Thousands of Chinese Grass Carp have been dumped into the Panama Canal in hopes they will eat their way through a massive tangle of aquatic weeds.

"The weeds are fouling ship propellers, making it difficult to service navigational aids, plugging ship motor water intakes and clogging the lock gates," said Rene Sanchez, a fisheries biologist working on the project for the Panama Canal Company.

"We've controlled the weeds so far by dumping copper sulfate and 2-4-D herbicide on them. We'd like to get away from using chemicals and believe the fish may eventually save money," Sanchez said.

The biologist said that in fiscal 1978 the Canal Company dumped 625,000 pounds of toxic copper sulfate on thousands of acres of hydrilla. The plant's tendrils may extend 40 feet.

There are four other kinds of weeds that can cause trouble in the waterway. Sanchez said that some years ago the company used arsenic to kill them.

He said the carp, also known as the White Amur, will weigh 50 to 60 pounds and reach three feet long at maturity and eat well over its body weight each day. They are native to the Amur River on the Sino-

Soviet border.

The fish has teeth in its

throat and eats the weeds by sucking them into its mouth.

It is not expected to spawn in

Canal waters, enabling biologists to control the population.

"To spawn the fish, eggs must float down a one-mile-an-hour current of saltless water for about 50 hours," Sanchez said. "We don't have conditions like that there."

Sanchez said that beginning in two or three years the population will be replenished by adding about 25,000 fish a year.

The cost of the project so far may be over \$1 million, Sanchez said, adding that the cost of copper sulfate has shot up to 50 cents per pound.

The carp were hatched in the United States. For the trip to the Canal Zone they were loaded aboard a tank truck that was driven aboard a U.S. Air Force C-130.

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U.N. Pretoria to begin talks on Namibia poll

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 3 (AP) — In reply to a South African proposal to begin long delayed talks on U.N. supervised elections in Namibia, Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim announced Wednesday he will send Martti Ahisaari, his special representative to Namibia, next week. He will discuss deployment of U.N. troops and election observers in that territory in preparation for a pre-independence election by next Sept. 30.

Umbrella killing

Markov death ruled murder

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — A London court ruled Wednesday that Bulgarian defector Georgi Markov was murdered last September by an unknown assassin who injected a rare and deadly poison into his leg.

Before he died Markov, 49, a broadcaster and outspoken critic of the Bulgarian administration, said he had been stabbed with an umbrella in a busy London street.

A scientist from Britain's biological and chemical warfare establishment at Porton Down told the court the poison was almost certainly ricin, which comes from the castor oil plant and is twice as potent as cobra venom.

Dr. Robert Keeley, a forensic scientist, said the pellet found in Markov's thigh was exactly the same as that taken from another Bulgarian emigre.

Vladimir Kostov, a French-based journalist, survived a strange illness after being hit in the back by a pellet as he travelled on the Paris metro.

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China hits back at Castro

TOKYO, Jan. 3 (AP) — China, which was castigated Monday by Cuban President Fidel Castro for developing "bourgeois ideas," said Wednesday that Cuba has become a tool of Soviet "social imperialism." Cuba has never taken an independent road since Castro's forces overthrew dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959, the Chinese said.

Somoza's foes plan strikes, marches

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 3 (AP) — Opponents of President Anastasio Somoza said Tuesday they are planning strikes, marches, and a day of mourning Jan. 10 to commemorate the assassination a year ago of opposition publisher Pedro Joaquin Chamorro which triggered off bloody uprisings against the government.

Train crash injures 23 in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 3 (AP) — Twenty-three persons were injured, three seriously, when a southbound freight train collided with a northbound passenger train Tuesday at Renggam, near Kuala Lumpur, 190 kilometers south of Kuala Lumpur, police said.

Hunt mounted for killer shark

DURBAN, S. Africa, Jan. 3 (UPI) — Hunters scoured the waters off the Natal coast for a huge killer white shark Wednesday as the movie "Jaws II" packed theaters on the sunshine coast.

U.S., U.K. alerted on \$1.15m art theft

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3 (AP) — Police in the United States and Britain have been asked to watch for paintings stolen in a \$1.15 million art robbery in Melbourne last Saturday night. The paintings include works by Robert Dowling, Tom Roberts, William Dobell and Sydney Nolan.

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Heat sensors to probe scene of mass murders

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (AP) — Searchers with sophisticated heat-sensing scanners will probe the scene of the worst mass murder in the United States this century, but they are beginning to doubt that more bodies will be found.

"I don't think they expect to find anything more," said Serg. Howard Anderson a sheriff's investigator. "They will go back over ground that hasn't been dug up yet, the less promising areas. They just want to double check."

Anderson, supervisor of an investigations unit, said crews working Tuesday in temperatures below 18 degrees centigrade at the home of John Gacy Jr., 36, spent much of their time removing snow and cleaning up.

So far investigators have turned up 27 bodies, mostly skeletal remains, from beneath Gacy's ranch-style home and its grounds. The bodies of two other young men, which authorities say are linked to Gacy, have been found in the Des Plaines River.

The 29 deaths linked to Gacy mark a record for mass murders in this country this century, two more than the 27 murders of teenage boys by Edmer Wayne Henley Jr. in the Houston area.

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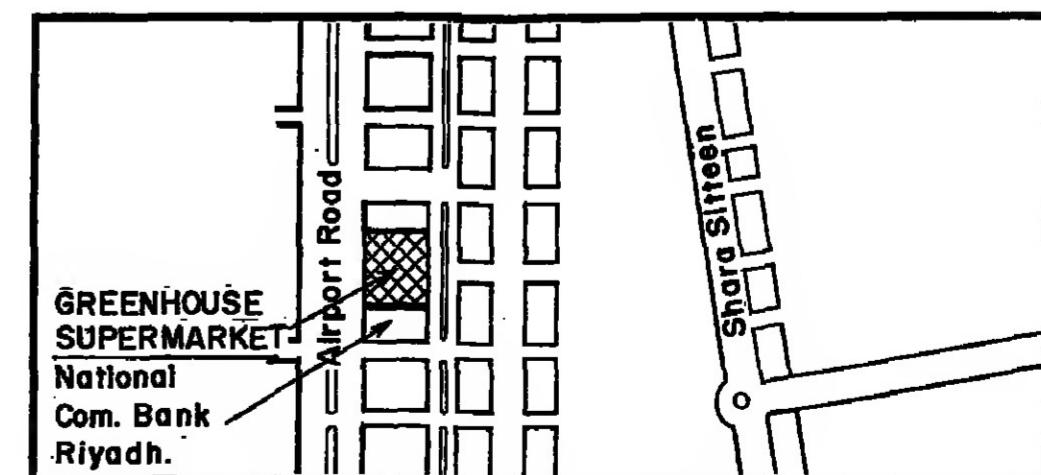


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PALESTINIAN UNITY

The mid-January meeting of the Palestine National Council in Damascus finds the Palestine issue at a dangerous crossroads. One false move may spell hardship for years to come, while taking the right direction will ease the pains that the Palestinians have been suffering for over 30 years.

The council will tackle a long agenda but three items stand out: Unity of the various Palestinian groups, the creation of a government-in-exile and relations with Jordan. This last item is the simplest to understand: The resistance movement feels that it must improve relations with the government in Amman and expand coordination and cooperation to make sure that Jordan continues to refuse joining the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks.

Of the other items, the question of unity among the resistance groups is the oldest. The council will be presented with a working paper of unity hammered out by a joint committee that based it on three drafts submitted by Fatah, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Popular Democratic Front. The combined unity draft is far less ambitious than its name implies. It does not call for a political or military unity among the various groups but rather offers a platform for joint action that the groups can support together. Although it has not been officially published, copies are circulating among council members and "Arab News" has received one from Beirut.

The unity draft deals with the Palestinian, Arab and international spheres of action. On the Palestinian level it calls for:

- Upholding full Palestinian rights to nationhood,
- Upholding the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinians,
- Escalation of the "armed struggle" against Israel in the occupied territories,
- Stressing that the Palestine issue is the heart and core of the anti-Zionist Arab struggle,
- Rejecting self-rule because it allows continued Jewish settlement in Arab lands and because it falls short of Palestinian aspirations, and
- The full unity of the Palestinians in the occupied territories and outside.

On the Arab level, the document calls for:

- Rejection of the Camp David agreements,
- Full support for the "steadfastness" front,
- Urging Arab parties and organizations to extend wholehearted support for the PLO,
- Respect for the sovereignty of Lebanon and the Cairo Agreement (which doves relations between the Palestinians and Lebanese authorities) and
- Stressing the special relationship between the peoples of Jordan and Palestine.

On the international level the two more important positions are the continuing Palestinian opposition of U.S. policy "which favors Israel at the expense of Palestinian rights" and the determination to continue the cooperation with the socialist countries.

As can be seen there is nothing in the above points that could cause a serious problem among the various groups and the draft is expected to pass. But the subject of the government-in-exile is not so clear with strong groups continuing to oppose it. In Fatah, Abu Iyad and Abu Jihad are understood to be against while Abu Luluf is for with Abu Ammar oscillating between the two groups. The protagonists feel that the government-in-exile will give the U.S. government, if it so desires, the opportunity to overcome the complex of dealing with the PLO. The antagonists feel that a government-in-exile will turn the revolution into another ineffective government without gaining any new recognitions in return since Western Europe and the U.S. will not recognize a Palestinian government until it goes back on its agreed PLO policy—something which the Palestinians do not propose to do. It is noteworthy, however, that Palestinian intellectuals in the West and friends of the Palestine cause support the idea of a government-in-exile. The resistance movement may be wise to listen to them, it knows more about war but they know more about politics, especially American politics.

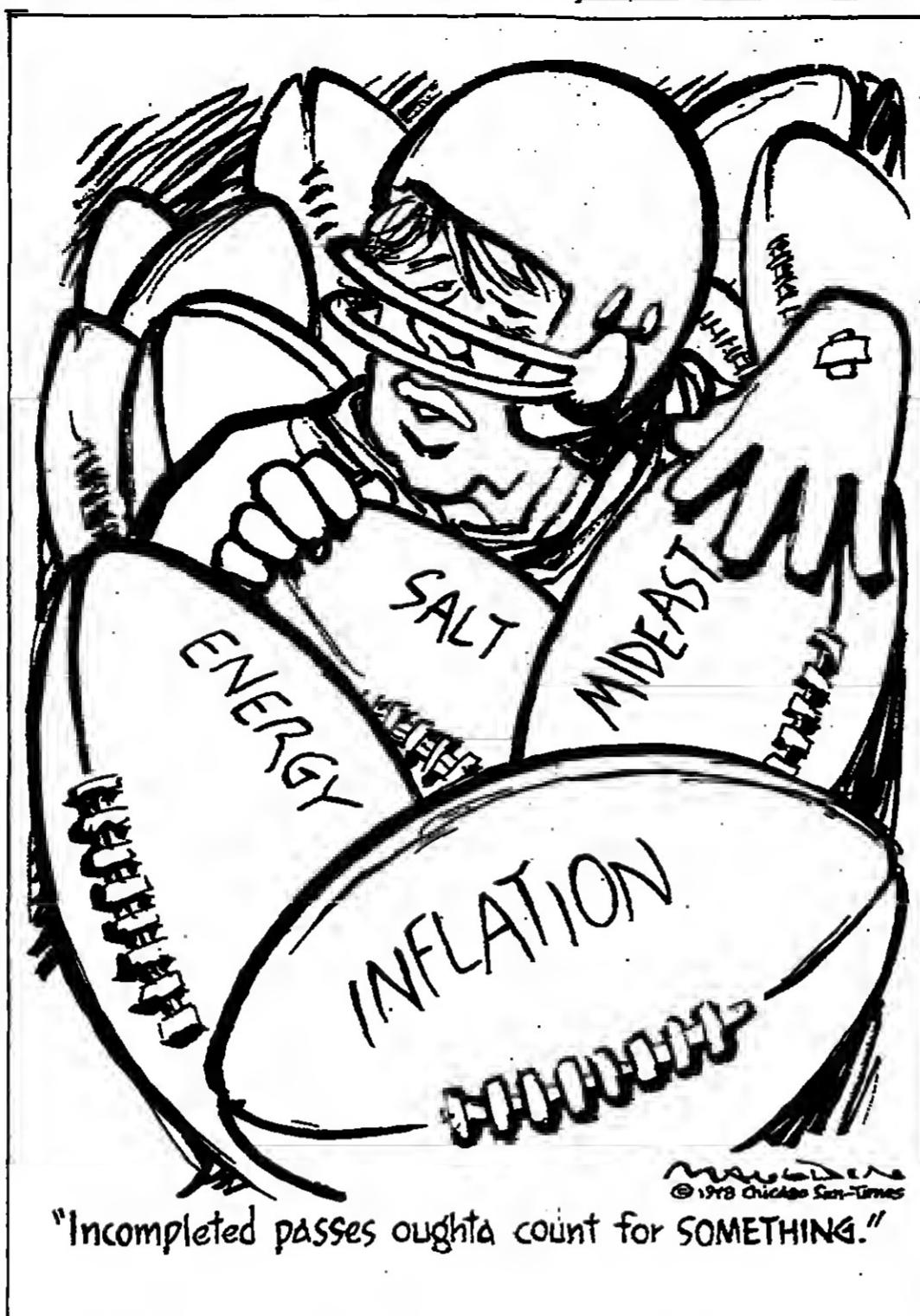
Sweet and sour

By Kevin Rafferty

TAIPEI — The Chinese youth burst home sweaty and dishevelled and confessed to his father that he had been throwing rocks at the American embassy in anger against President Carter's decision to recognize Peking instead of Taipei as the government of China.

His father did not rebuke him but instead suggested he would channel his energies into building a strong and independent Taiwan.

Such a scene was probably repeated in many homes in Taiwan. What is interesting is that this particular episode was a fiction broadcast by local television. It seemed to be a deliberate message from



McGovern visits Rhodesia

NEW YORK — Can George McGovern bring peace to Rhodesia?

It's not as far-fetched as it sounds. Consider this: For months the Carter administration has stubbornly stuck to the notion that the slightest sign of support for the "internal solution" of Prime Minister Ian Smith and the three moderate black leaders would be seen as "racist" and would somehow draw the Russians and Cubans directly into Rhodesian intervention.

Carter, Andrew Young and the State Department all insisted that the only chance for peace lay in bringing the guerrilla leaders, Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, into an "all parties" conference to negotiate a settlement. They carefully ignored the fact that these two had been invited in by Smith but had refused for the simple reason that the deck was not stacked in their favor. Neither could win a free election — and knew it; and both have indicated that if they once get inside they will do everything to annihilate the opposition.

This U.S. policy has had little to do with the realities of Rhodesia and a lot to do with American domestic politics and a mistaken tie-in with memories of the civil rights movement in the Southern U.S. in the early '60s.

The British government took a similar policy position, but for different reasons. For many British leaders of both parties Smith's "UDI" — Unilateral Declaration of Independence of

1965 from the crown — sticks in the craw.

Where does George McGovern fit into this picture? As chairman prospective of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's African subcommittee, he was in Africa last month on a fact-finding trip. Far from restricting himself to the various autocracies, oligarchies and totalitarian states facing Rhodesia, McGovern went straight to Salisbury.

There, the senator was interviewed over breakfast by a local newspaper writer who filed a story that has not received much outside attention. Marion Dunn can write, "On the touchy subject of an all-parties conference, he (McGovern) said, 'It is not essential if the transitional government could work out some kind of formula to have an election that would draw the participation of the Patriotic Front people as well as the internal forces.'

"But even without the participation of external nationalist leaders the senator felt there was a possibility of international recognition for the newly-independent Rhodesia. If the election is held and Mr. Smith steps down as he has said he is going to do and a black government comes to power, there is a possibility — I stress the word possibility — that sanctions might be lifted."

"I have gained a new respect for the complexity of the situation during my visit here. And I have a new sharper understanding of the limitations of

outside intervention in Rhodesian affairs. The notion that somehow a handful of Americans and British could come in here and settle this thing is long gone, I think. Beyond that, I came here highly skeptical that Prime Minister Smith would follow through with his commitment to majority rule or elections. I now think we will probably do both."

For quite some time American conservatives (and many British conservatives) have been convinced that Smith meant to do both and that the issue was no longer white-versus-black rule for Rhodesia but rather a struggle among various black factions for leadership. Though you would expect Americans to support moderate, democratically-committed leaders such as Muzorewa, Sithole and Chinua, the fact they are in coalition with Smith seems to have caused a mental block among liberals.

George McGovern may provide the long-needed breakthrough. His views — if repeated back home — may not only make it respectable for the American liberal "establishment" to reconsider the issue, but may also inspire a shift in the official White House position.

The administration may be too deeply imbedded in its present policy toward Rhodesia to come around to reality, but if Sen. McGovern will lead the liberals on Capitol Hill and with the conservatives already aboard, we may yet be able to give peace a chance. (KFS)

By William Keegan

LONDON —

"Everybody recognizes the problem. Everybody wants to do something about it. But nobody has a solution — and even if there was one, we wouldn't know how to implement it."

Such was the summary by one senior international monetary official of the difficulties facing the leaders of the United States, West Germany, France and Britain as they prepare to meet in Guadeloupe (on Jan. 5 and 6) to discuss, among other things, the crisis of confidence in the dollar.

As the principal world reserve and trading currency, the U.S. dollar's problems resemble those of the pound in 1976, but with significant differences:

Britain had the U.S. government fall back on for help and holders of sterling were able to switch their funds into dollars.

The U.S. is itself the ultimate guarantor of many a Western industrialized economy. When the guarantor himself is in trouble, the world gets worried.

Britain must view the dollar's problems with mixed feelings.

The British government is always worried about the effects of a U.S. recession on British exports. But the short-term effect of a weak dollar is to divert attention from the many underlying problems which could weaken the pound.

In theory we should by now have a world central bank on the lines proposed by Keynes in 1944 and the international monetary system should not be dependent on one national currency.

But all efforts in this direction have been proceeding at the pace of lame snails, and there has been a deafening silence over plans for putting the International Monetary Fund's Special Drawing Rights — a monetary unit based on the

discover the nature and details of intrigues being woven against us today. We should save the sagacity to learn from lessons of the past to save ourselves and our interests."

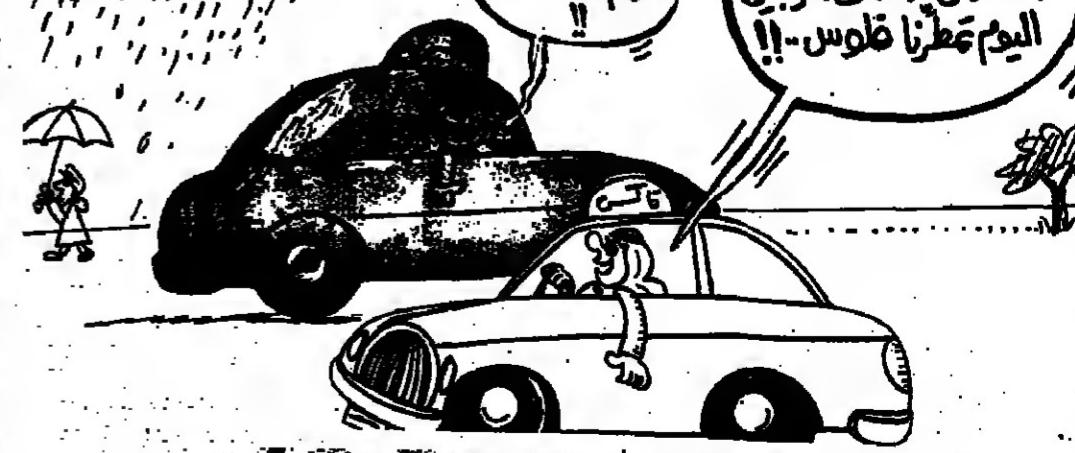
"Al-Niswa" urged the United States to act "in accordance

with the moral principles laid down by President Carter which, in the case of the Palestinian people, have been all but hollow words".

"Nevertheless the Palestinian revolution has made considerable achievements during the

last 15 years. But its finest achievement is and will be the continued escalation of the armed struggle for liberation. Only this will convert theoretical recognition of the Palestinians into a reality which eventually will mean victory and a homeland."

Today we face another: Today we face them.



Russian threat to Iran

By Dev Murarka

MOSCOW —

Soviet concern about American activities in Iran is mounting so rapidly that area specialists in Moscow see a new crisis in Soviet-American relations on the question.

Against the background of an alert among the army establishments on the Soviet side of the border with Iran, Russia is privately warning that if Washington makes any concrete move such as landing marines in Iran, Moscow would unquestionably invoke Articles Five and Six of the 1921 Soviet-Iranian Treaty and march into Iran to counter American troops there.

They repeat that it is not idle talk but their studied view of the options open to the Soviet Union in the light of what they see as open and escalating American interference in the Iranian domestic crisis.

According to Article Five, both countries are forbidden "formulation or presence on their (respective) territory of organization or persons irrespective of the name by which they call themselves, or of individuals whose object is to engage in acts of hostility against Persia or Russia".

Article Six, more pertinent to current developments, stipulates that "the Russian government shall have the right to advance its troops into Persian territory to take necessary military action in self-defense" if third powers use Iran as a base against the USSR or "in the event the frontiers of the Rus-

sian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic or its allies are menaced and if, after a warning from the Russian Soviet government, the Persian government is unable to avert this menace."

I have been to ascertain through Soviet travellers recently arriving in Moscow from bordering regions that a military alert is in force and Soviet forces are being augmented in preparation for any eventualty which might arise.

In this context inspired reports from Washington that an American aircraft carrier is to be despatched to the Gulf and President Jimmy Carter's latest comment putting the blame for interference in Iran on the Soviets, is seen in Moscow as preparing the American public for a possible military intervention in Iran. This has been badly and angrily received in the Kremlin.

Soviet specialists point out that it is not simply the sending of an American fleet to the Gulf area which disturbs them. So long as it does not do anything, it might even be helpful to the Soviet Union and the Iranian opposition.

But such a move, they argue, will only inflame anti-American feelings in Iran, where the Americans are already unpopular, and will be hated even more if this Palmerston-style "gunboat diplomacy" is actually practised by the United States.

They do not rule it out because they point out that in many political crises the habitual American response is to send in

And they conclude that if Washington is determined to provoke an "unnecessary crisis" with the Soviet Union on the Iranian situation, "it may regret its rash action."

Meanwhile, the Soviet media has abandoned its earlier reserve about the Shah's regime and is supporting the opposition demands and putting its case sympathetically. (OFNS)

Dollar in a vice

weighted average of other currencies — into the center of the monetary system.

The emphasis is likely to be on more coordination of what has come to be known as the "managed floating" of exchange rates, but with somewhat greater rigidity within currency blocs, such as the D-mark zone, where interdependence of trade is high.

But while officials talk about the problems of developing assets which countries and corporations can hold to take the strain off the dollar, some movement is taking place.

In the words of one senior monetary official: "There can hardly be a fund manager in the world who is not at this minute reassessing how much money he should keep in dollars. Until this process has run its course, there is no way of knowing whether \$10 billion, \$30 billion or \$50 billion of tide of support will be needed to tide the Americans over."

Difficult though this is to say after a week when the Iranian crisis has highlighted the problems of the U.S. balance of payments and its dependence on imported energy, the dollar problem contains some seeds of the solution that cannot be found elsewhere.

If fund managers become convinced that the U.S. means business in dealing with its fundamental economic problems, then confidence in the dollar will improve.

So far they have not been convinced. Their worries take many forms, just as concern about the British economy focused on a succession of areas in 1976.

Worries about economic stagnation have so far proved too alarmist. But it seems increasingly likely that the advanced industrialized economies have entered a secular period of somewhat slower growth: since 1973, with shorter and smaller "booms". (OFNS)

saudi press review

"Oskar" reviewed Soviet policy in the region and its drive to penetrate and finally overthrow the regimes there as a corollary to Zionist intrigues."

"The aim of the Soviet Union and international Communism is to break up national unity, destroy economic and moral well-being and subvert religious beliefs" the paper said.

The paper cited the situation in Iran and Turkey and the Horn of Africa blaming the Soviet Union for the tensions that now characterize these areas.

"The Arab and Islamic worlds are aware of the communist role, in conjunction with Zionism, and have taken note of the conspiracy that seeks to create chaos and rebellion until the Communists can step in and seize power."

"Against this serious threat to us all, we should uphold the sublime values of our religious belief. Thus fortified,

we shall be empowered to counter the savagery, arrogance and degradation of Communism and Zionism."

Commenting on the same subject, "Al-Bilad" said that events in some Islamic countries "point out to a concerted conspiracy against Islamic countries. The conspiracy started with the partition of Pakistan, then spread to the coup in Iran. Iran is the third link in the chain and Turkey will apparently be the fourth one". The paper said there are "foreign and anti-social elements in Iran whose purpose is to destroy even public institutions and civil service centers that belong to the Iranian people and not to any particular person. One of these enemies is the Communist Tudeh Party which has every intention of subverting the country in a bloody civil war."

The paper said "It is obvious that there was a conspiracy against the Arabs, and that every state had mobilized its resources in the service of Zionism in preparation for the Arab tragedy."

Today we face a similar matter, with all resources being mobilized to undermine Islamic solidarity and Arab unity by hitting at their beliefs, values and foundations."

It should not be necessary to wait another 30 years to

Trails 1-2 in series

Australia wins 3rd Test by 103 runs

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3 (R) — Australia took only 35 minutes here Wednesday to beat England by 103 runs and win the third Test on its fifth and final day.

England, resuming this morning at 171 for eight chasing Australia's lead of 282, lost the wickets of Bob Willis and Mike Hendrick in 4.2 overs without a defeat.

The loss was also England

captain Mike Brearley's first defeat as England skipper in 16 tests, ending an unhappy match for him and giving Australia its first win over England since the centenary Test played in Melbourne 22 months ago.

England lost their last two wickets in only three balls as Hogg had Willis caught-fittingly by Australian captain Graham Yallop at backward square

leg — and bowled Hendrick to dismiss England for 179.

Hogg, who set up the Australian win by taking five wickets in England's first innings of 143 finished with another five wickets for 36 in England's Wednesday.

The Australian fast bowler also took wickets in each innings of the second Test and seven wickets in the first Test.

England go on to the fourth Test in Sydney on Saturday

with a 2-1 lead in the six Test Ashes battle, but Australia's confidence and pride must have been restored by its win Wednesday.

The England selectors must be worried about the form of some of the players and must be concerned at Brearley's poor run with the bat. He has scored 6, 13, 17, 0, 1 and 0 and has taken over the opening position from Graham Gooch.

The decisive factor in Australia's win was Yallop's winning the toss last Friday when he decided to bat and Australia reached 243 for four on the first day.

The pitch deteriorated after the opening day and England's low scores in both innings were as much due to a low bounce as Hogg's fine bowling and England's dismal batting.

Light saves W. Indies

CALCUTTA, Jan. 3 (R) — The West Indies just managed to avoid defeat by India in the third Test here Wednesday when the game was called off because of bad light a few minutes before the scheduled close of play after repeated appeals against the light by the West Indies last wicket pair of Sew Shivarajne and Sylvester Clarke.

The West Indies were 197 for nine having been set a victory target of 335.

When the umpires decided the light was too bad to continue, they had to run through a hail of oranges pelted at the stands.

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But Marks struck back to break serve and level at 4-4. Uged on by the near-capacity crowd of 12,000, the Australian served for a 5-4 lead only to surrender meekly to the Argentine's topspin barrage of returns. Vilas lost only one more point before taking the set.

Steve Jones
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP) — Anne Smith upset no. 3 seed Betty Stove of Holland 6-7, 7-5, 6-3 Tuesday night in an opening round match of the \$125,000 Washington stop on the women's pro tennis tour.

In other top matches, top-seeded Martina Navratilova, the defending champion who has won this tournament three of the last four years, easily defeated Lea Antonopolis 6-1, 6-0, and 16-year-old Pam Shriver, the seventh seed, ousted Francoise Durr of France 6-2, 6-4.

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AP names Alabama football No. 1

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)

— The Crimson Tide of Alabama, conqueror of previously unbeaten Penn State in the Sugar Bowl, was named college football's national champion for 1978 Wednesday by the Associated Press.

In a tight three-way race with Southern California and Oklahoma, Alabama received 38 first-place votes and 1,317 of a possible 1,360 points from a nationwide panel of 68 sports writers and broadcasters.

Alabama defeated Penn State, 14-7 Monday and captured the national championship it thought it should have won a year ago when the Crimson Tide wound up behind Notre Dame in a controversial finish.

Southern Cal, which defeated Michigan, 17-10 in the Rose Bowl, received 19 first-place votes and 1,285 points. Oklahoma received the remaining 11 first-place votes and 1,251 points following a 31-24 triumph over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

Penn State slipped from first place to fourth with 1,168 points after Alabama ended its 19-game winning streak.

Michigan was fifth, followed by Clemson, Notre Dame, Nebraska, Texas and Houston.

Nigeria cleans up golds at Nairobi college meet

NAIROBI, Jan. 3 (R) —

Nigeria launched a strong campaign for gold medals when the athletics program of the second African University Games here opened in Nairobi Tuesday.

In the seven track and field finals, the Nigerian won three golds, two silver and one bronze medals. Ghana, runner-up to Egypt at the last games in Accra four years ago, had one gold, one silver and two bronze.

Kenya, a world track power in several events, finished the day with only two bronze medals. But it was level with Ghana on athletics medals at the end of the day because of Michael Musyoki's gold and Samson Kimono's silver from the 10,000 meters race which opened the games.

Obeng's win came after Nigeria's Caroline Achugbu had taken two gold medals. She won the women's shot put with a 12.35-metre toss and the discus with a throw of 42.35 meters.

The other Nigerian winner was F. Chogoria, with a long jump of 6.02 meters.

Russian jumper tops wire poll

WARSAW, Jan. 3, (R) — Russian high jumper Vladimir Yaschenko has been voted European Sports Personality of the year in the annual poll conducted by the Polish News Agency, PAP.

Yaschenko polled 151 points in the vote by 23 European news agencies, including Reuter.

Another high jumper, women's world record-holder Sera Simeoni of Italy, was second with 144 points and tennis player Bjorn Borg of Sweden third with 142.

Anti-Communist networks barred from Olympics

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Jan. 3 (R) — The Soviet Olympic Committee does not intend to allow U.S.-backed Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty to report next year's Olympic Games in Moscow, the Soviet sports minister, was quoted as saying Wednesday.

Sports minister Sergei Pavlov told the West German sports news agency SID that the Munich-based stations employ envoys working for U.S. intelligence who arouse hatred against the Soviet Union and its Communist allies.

"Why must people who have cleared out of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries report the Olympics in Moscow?" Pavlov said.

"There is no sense in letting in these so-called journalists who are in fact CIA agents. They broadcast only false information which just spreads hatred against the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries."

"In the National Olympic Committee of the USSR we are categorically against the presence of even one of these stations. Everything will be done to prevent their presence. We make no secret of that," he said.

British champ likely to retain chess lead

HASTINGS, England, Jan. 3 (R) — British champion Jonathan Speelman was expected to retain his lead in the Hastings International Chess Tournament when he and Hungarian grandmaster Istvan Csom finish their game adjourned Tuesday night.

Csom, a pawn down after a tough defense, was thought to be able to hold the game to a draw, giving Speelman a half-point lead over UK Anderson of Sweden in round five of the tournament.

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After ministers confer**UAE to compensate French losses in Iranian crude, Paris announces**

PARIS, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet said Wednesday that during his visit to Abu Dhabi late last month he was assured that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) would compensate France for any oil shortage resulting from the loss of supplies from Iran.

Poncet said Minister of Petroleum Muriel Said Oterba told

By 20,000 workers

New strike hits German steel industry

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Jan. 3 (AP) — Another 20,000 workers put down their tools in the northwest German steel industry Wednesday, idling about 100,000 or almost half the work force in the vital Rhine industrial area, Bremen and Osnabrueck.

The latest walkouts came despite pending mediation efforts, including a proposal for a 4 per cent wage contract for

him the UAE would not allow France to suffer as a result of the Iranian crisis but did not make any definite commitments. He also did not promise an immediate increase in oil exports to France. Poncet said.

UAE oil now accounts for one per cent of French oil imports, which last year amounted to 104 million tons, the Comite du Petrol said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the price of gasoline went up in France to 2.75 francs a liter, or \$3.04 a gallon, the Comite said.

The Comite also estimated French automobile gas consumption rose 4.3 per cent in 1978 over 1977 to 17.7 million tons.

Ruhr steel industry in 50 years, began Nov. 28, idling 50,000 workers in eight plants. Three days later, employers locked out 30,000 workers in another eight plants.

Volkswagen, the largest German auto manufacturer, said Tuesday it will be forced to halt production in six domestic plants if the Ruhr steel strike continues beyond Jan. 15.

The strike, the first in the

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Dollar gets European shot in arm

LONDON, Jan. 3 (AP) — Intervention by government banks rallied the U.S. dollar on European foreign exchanges Wednesday. Gold prices declined.

Grim outlook for world's industry

LONDON, Jan. 3 (AP) — World manufacturing output will be slowed to near stagnation at the end of this year by high interest rates and tight fiscal and monetary policies in the United States, a report by the Henley Center for Forecasting Limited said Wednesday.

Texaco plant faces Trinidad inquiry

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Jan. 3 (AP) — The government announced Tuesday that an eight-man commission of inquiry had been named to examine the labor situation at the large Texaco refinery in Trinidad because of dispute over wages at the plant.

Asian Development Bank loans up

MANILA, Jan. 3 (AP) — Twenty-three Asian and Pacific countries have received \$5.25833 billion in loans from the Asian Development Bank in the past 10 years, the bank's headquarters said Wednesday. From 1968, the first year of the bank's lending operations, up to last Dec. 22, the same countries also received \$46.8 million in technical assistance grants, it said.

ECA said dumping farm goods

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP) — Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser says that Western European countries are encouraging high farm production through subsidies and dumping the resulting surpluses abroad.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.30	3.32	3.33
Pound Sterling	6.64	6.75	6.70
Deutsche Mark	1.78	181.00	180.25
Swiss F.	2.05	205.00	202.75
French F.	0.79	79.50	78.85
Italian Lira (100)	—	4.10	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	111.00	111.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	81.00	85.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.75
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.15
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.75	8.68
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	46.00	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.85	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	73.30
South Yemeni Dinar	—	79.00	86.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	41.25	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.00	—
Gold Kg	—	23,700	—
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Silver Kg bar	—	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.67	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.78	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.13	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.64	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

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OAPEC bulletin says Mexico oil could be competition in short run

KUWAIT, Jan. 3 (R) — The Kuwait-based Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said Wednesday that, although new oil sources in Mexico would serve the interests of oil exporting nations in the long-run, they could in the short-run compete with OAPEC crude in world markets.

The bulletin said Mexico's own interests required it should sell its oil at the OAPEC price level, "especially since an ultimate shortfall in supplies would develop within a decade."

But "Mexico will sooner or

later find that its national oil interests are consistent with those of OAPEC and not in competition with them," it added.

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But "Mexico will sooner or

Record six million**S.Africa's gold coin sales boom**

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 3 (AP) — The South African-made Krugerrand, the world's number one gold bullion coin, hit a record six million sales during 1978, the International Gold Corp. (Intergold) said.

Sales of Krugerrands since 1970 now amount to 22,520,400 coins, which represents 700.5 metric tons of gold — about

blown over 1977 and topped the previous all-time yearly record in 1975 of 4.8 million coins with a new high of 6,012,293 coins, earning nearly \$1.2 billion in foreign exchange for South Africa.

More than 98 per cent of Krugerrands are sold overseas, as sales are restricted in South Africa. Mackay-Coghill said.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Municipality of Bekeiriah	Secondary illumination	xx	500	Jan 20
* Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Temporary asphalting in some rural areas under Al-Kharj municipality	90-98/99	1000	Feb. 19
* " "	Temporary asphalting of roads under Sulayil municipality	72-97/98	1500	Feb. 20
* " "	Temporary asphalting of some rural streets in Ohod Al-Masraha	91-98/99	500	Feb. 24
* " "	Fencing of a graveyard in Al-Tawal village	26-96/97	200	Feb. 25
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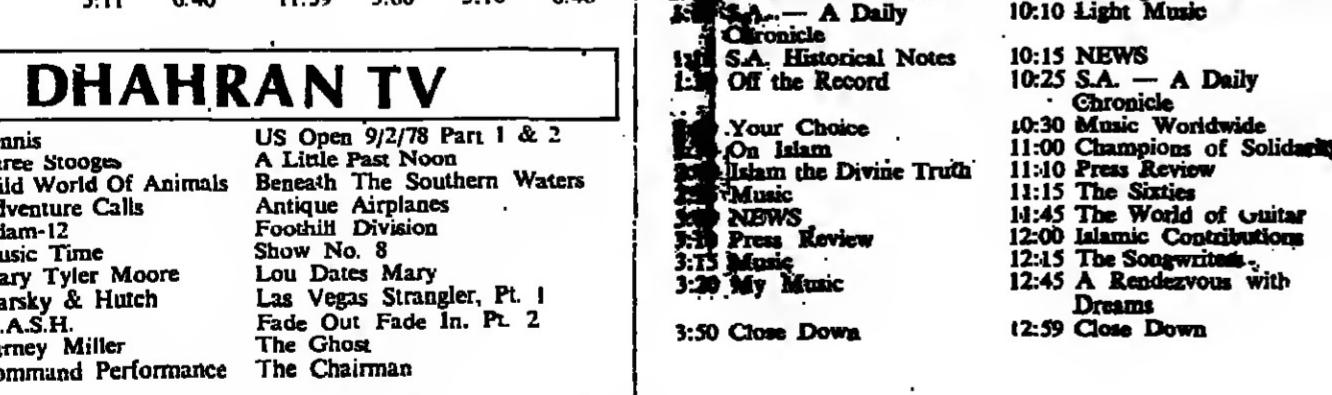
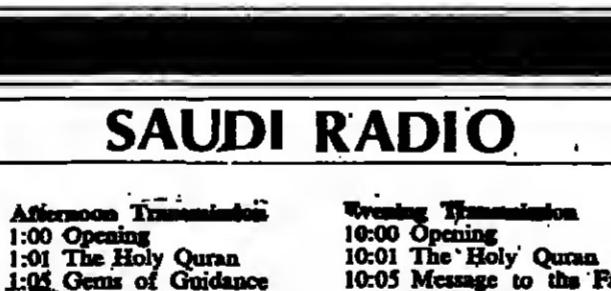
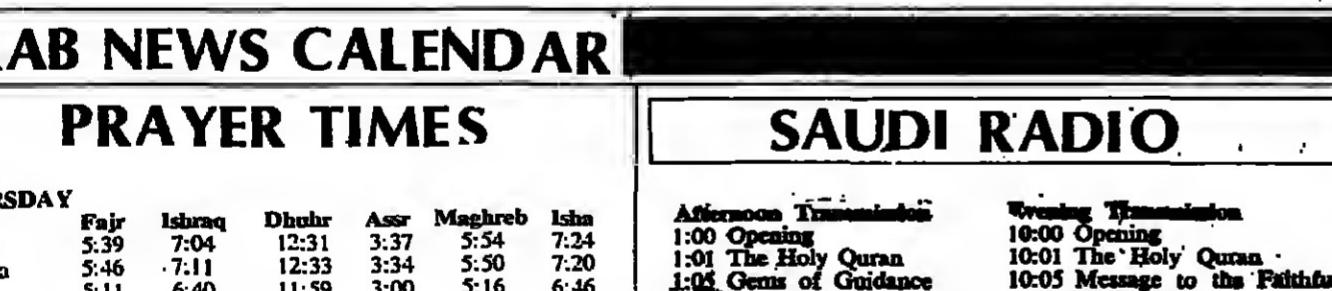
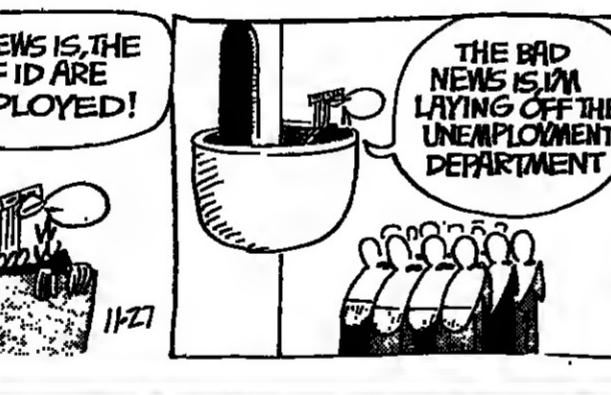
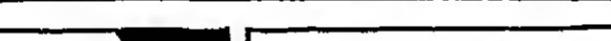
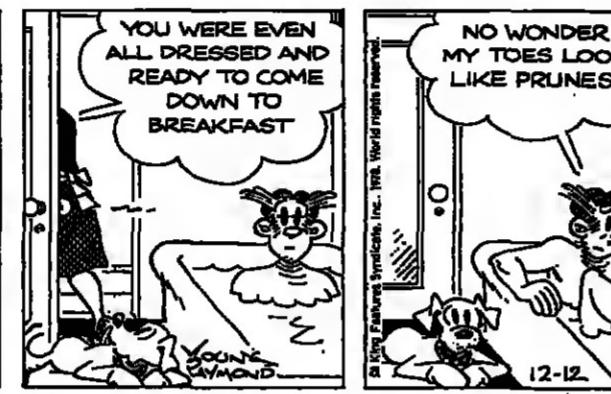
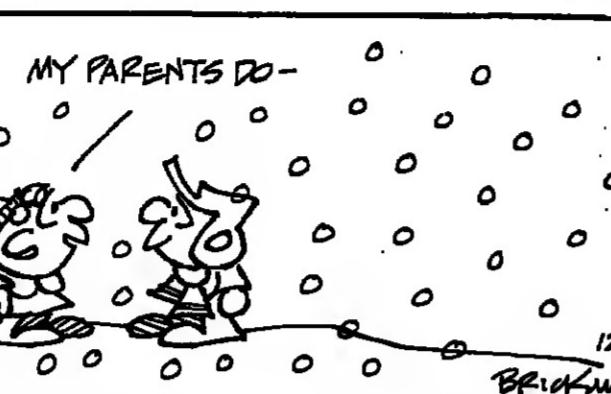
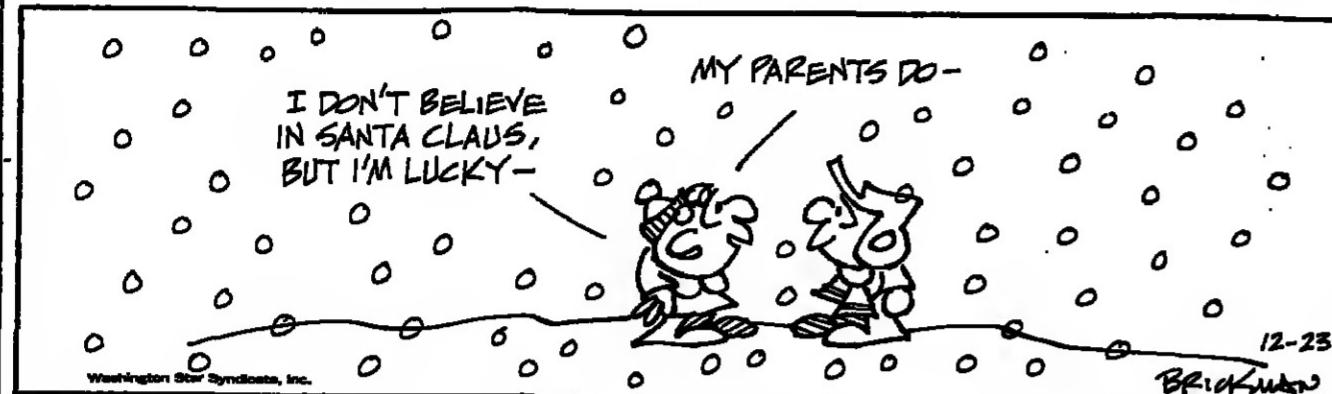
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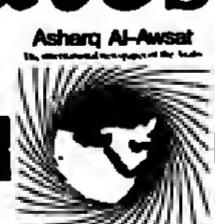
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Cut down outside his home

Madrid military chief assassinated

MADRID, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — Gunmen killed the military governor of Madrid outside his home Wednesday in the sharpest provocation of Spain's armed forces since the death of Gen. Franco three years ago.

Maj.-Gen. Constantino Ortiz Gil, 63, the man in charge of all troops stationed in the capital, was shot down by three bullets fired by two young men standing outside his central Madrid residence.

He was rushed to a nearby

hospital hut died before surgeons had a chance to operate. The fatal shot hit him in the forehead, according to a hospital statement.

Security forces in the Madrid area were immediately placed on general alert and a special watch was mounted on all road exits from the capital. The alert also went out to Madrid railway stations and the international airport.

Gen. Ortiz Gil, a married man, was the most prominent military man to be killed by

guerrillas since the assassination in 1973 of Gen. Franco's prime minister, Admiral Luis Carrera Blanco.

The Basque separatist organization ETA claimed responsibility for the killing of Admiral Carrera Blanco, whose car was blown up by a bomb placed under a Madrid street.

ETA has also said it was responsible for the killing of five other military men in the past six months, including Maj. Jose Maria Herrera, the adjutant of the Guipuzcoa military governor shot dead in San Sebastian Tuesday.

Nobody claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack, though observers said it bore all the hallmarks of an ETA operation.

Four young men wearing anoraks were involved according to police. Two kept watch outside the governor's home, which is on a busy street running alongside Madrid's central Retiro Park. Another was in a cafe across the road and the fourth stood by a getaway car, police said.

The two men standing outside the governor's residence opened fire as soon as he climbed out of the car.

satisfactory and that further observation and treatment in the hospital were no longer necessary. The doctors said he was suffering from a slight constriction of the blood vessels.

Muslim League to meet in Dakar

MECCA, Jan. 3 (SPA) — A Muslim World League delegation will discuss in Dakar next Monday the establishment of a local council to implement the resolutions of the Africa Coordination Council.

Other topics to be discussed include Islamic propagation, the need for teachers and school supplies and the league's financial assistance to Islamic cultural centers in Africa.

The delegates include Dr. Abdul Sabour Marzouq, the league's managing director, Mustafa Sese, Senegalese ambassador in Cairo and secretary to the coordination council, the ambassador of Niger and Mali's former ambassador to the Kingdom.

Merchants warned about subletting

MECCA, Jan. 3 (SPA) — The Mecca Governorate warned shopkeepers Wednesday against subletting their premises to foreigners. The governorate said violators will be heavily penalized and the foreigners in question would be expelled.

Niger president here for Umrah

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 (SPA) — The President of Niger, Lt.-Col. Seyne Kouachi arrived here Wednesday to perform the Umrah (minor pilgrimage) and visit the Holy Prophet's Mosque. Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz met him at the airport.

Water meet urges tight controls

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA) — The Second Regional Conference on Water organized by the Economic Commission for West Asia recommended Wednesday that water use should be carefully regulated.

It also called for carefully constructed national water policies.

The conference recommended that a five-member committee be set up to study the possibility of establishing a regional council on water resources.

The committee members are Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Syria, and Lebanon.

Ahsa to hold biology conference

DAMMAM, Jan. 3 (SPA) — King Faisal University of Ahsa will hold its third annual conference on biology from Jan. 24 to 26, it was announced here Wednesday.

The conference, to be organized by the university's College of Agriculture and Food and the Saudi Biological Society, will discuss papers on agriculture, oceanography and pollution.

Prince Sultan leaves for Asir tour

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan flew to Asir Wednesday evening for an inspection tour of the area. He was seen off at the airport by Chief of Staff Gen. Othman Al-Humaid and other senior officers.

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Haig resigning NATO command

CASTEAU, Belgium, Jan. 3 (R) — U.S. Gen. Alexander Haig, NATO supreme commander in Europe, announced Wednesday he would resign June 30.

Haig, who has been rumored a possible Republican presidential candidate, said he had no plans at present to go into politics.

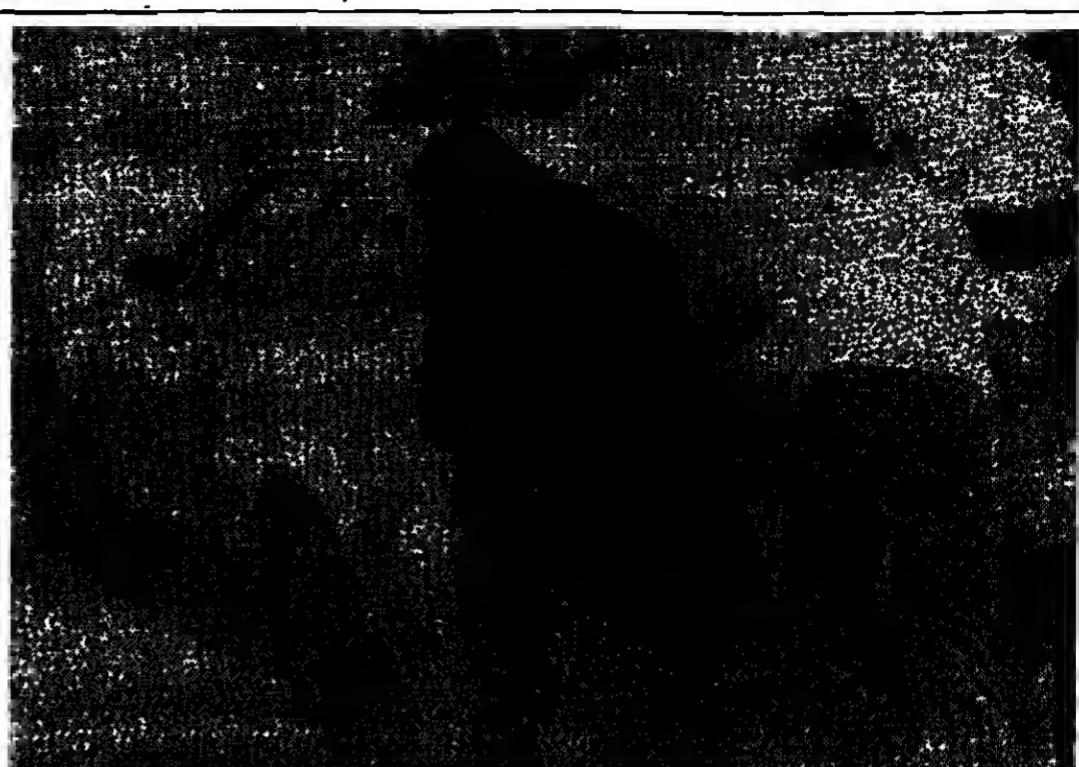
Haig, who commands NATO forces from Norway to Turkey, took over from Gen. Andrew Goodpaster in late 1974.

The 54-year-old general's meteoric career began when, as a comparatively unknown colonel, he went to Washington in 1969 as a White House aide to Nixon.

Nixon and nearly all his aides fell from power in the wake of the Watergate scandal. But Haig survived and forged ahead with his career.

Praised for his intelligence, limitless energy, patience, tact and unwavering devotion to duty he was appointed to the rank of full general and army deputy chief of staff in 1972, ahead of many more senior generals.

Nine months later, he was chief of staff of the White House, and in the final stages of the Nixon presidency he was described by one official as almost an acting president.



WEST GERMANY: One casualty of the snow that has swept northern Europe over the past few days.

Italy, Greece, Turkey hit

European storms sweep south

LONDON, Jan. 3 (UPI) — Europe's worst storm of the winter swept south Wednesday to Italy, Greece and Turkey. But a new onslaught of snow and freezing temperatures was forecast for some northern regions still struggling to dig out from the last blizzard.

A total of 71 persons have died in Eastern and Western Europe since Friday as a result of the freezing temperatures and snow.

In France, many of the dead were elderly beggars found frozen over drain grills and under bridges. In Sweden, a woman hospital patient died of cold during an early morning stroll and in Belgium two children suffocated while huddled around a bathroom gas stove.

Four people were killed in an avalanche in Switzerland and three men died in London after they fell through the thin ice on a pond after leaving a local cafe.

In Italy, temperatures fell to their lowest since 1968. Snow isolated villages in northern Greece and weather conditions in Istanbul closed airports and restricted traffic on the Bosphorus Bridge linking Europe and Asia.

Greek maritime officials said strong winds in the Ionian and Aegean halted ferry services between Greek islands and the mainland. Ships have been forced to remain in the port of Istanbul because of the sudden weather changes.

U.S. government steps up price rise policing

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP) — The U.S. government stepped up its policing of businesses Wednesday to make sure they comply with President Carter's anti-inflation program.

The Council on Wage and Price Stability said it will ask more than 1,000 companies to disclose details of their corporate structure. That information could be used later if

the council thinks a firm is violating the wage-price standards.

Previously, the council had been monitoring price and wage increases by only the nation's 500 largest businesses.

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